

- August 2007 Aviation Events in Indiana Page 4
- INDOT Office of Aviation Contact Information Page 4

THIS ISSUE:

Feature Airport of the Month 2

Crop Dusting Popular in Indiana 2

Office Talk 3

Design Plan Submittal 3

Traffic Counting 3

Crop Dusting cont. 3

# Hoosier Hangar Talk

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

AUGUST 2007

## Indianapolis Air Show August 25-26, 2007

The Air Show season is well underway here in Indiana. One of the premier events on the calendar is the Indianapolis Air Show. This year's show is scheduled for August 25th and 26th at Mt. Comfort Airport.

Once again, there is a great lineup of talent set to perform this year show. Headlining the show will be the Blue Angels of the United States Navy. Their amazing precision flying of the F/A-18 Hornets is definitely a must-see. Among the other performers will be Greg Koontz Air Shows, Sean Tucker presented by Team Oracle, Tim Weber Air Shows, and many more. Also, there will be several other attractions available in addition to the performances such as static displays of aircraft,

a classic car show, a fly-in, and much more.

Gates open from 8AM—6PM on both Saturday and Sunday.



**The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels will be headlining this year's event.**

Performances will begin at 11AM and conclude by 5PM. Tickets can be pre-purchased or

purchased at the gate the day of the event. Proceeds from the Air Show will go to benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

For more information, including directions, a complete schedule of events, or where to purchase tickets, visit: [www.indyairshow.com](http://www.indyairshow.com).



## Construction Continues on New Mid-Field Terminal

Construction is continuing at a feverish pace on the new mid-field terminal at Indianapolis International Airport. When completed it will truly be a state-of-the-art facility.

The new Indianapolis Airport passenger terminal will total 1.2

million square feet of space -- nearly 22 football fields. It will include 40 passenger gates with provisions for future expansion. It will also feature a 7,100 vehicle parking garage and 11,000 surface parking spaces.

No state or local tax money is

being used to finance construction of the new Indianapolis Airport. Construction is estimated to be completed in late 2008.



Information obtained from [www.newindianapolisairport.com](http://www.newindianapolisairport.com)

# Coming Soon!

## Feature Airport of the Month



Each month the Office of Aviation plans to feature an Indiana airport. We will highlight current happenings at that airfield; include background or historical information and interesting tidbits about the airport.

If you would like to submit an airport for consideration, contact Justin Klump, at [jklump@indot.in.gov](mailto:jklump@indot.in.gov)



## Crop Dusting Popular in Indiana



If you think you have seen an increase in the number of crop dusting aircraft this summer, you're right. The Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) is the state's regulator in the application of pesticides and other

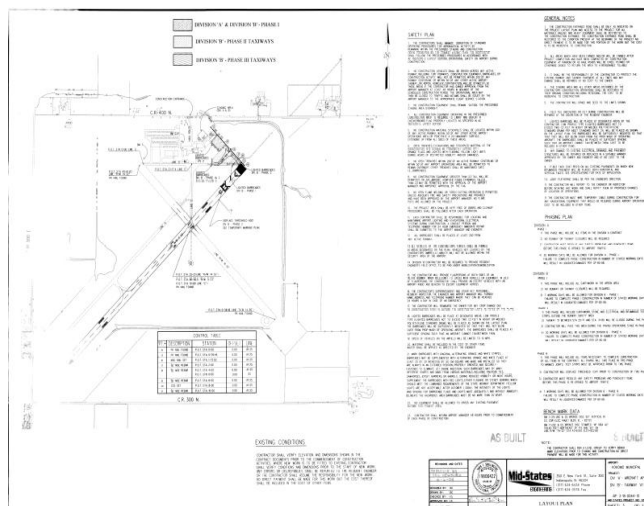
agricultural laws and has certified 118 pilots for this year's crop dusting season. That is a number said to be four times higher than normal according to the Associated Press. Many of these crop dusting aircraft are said to be from other states hired by Indiana farmers in order to

increase their corn yield as the price and demand of corn is on the rise. Aircraft that are commonly used for crop dusting, also known as "aerial topdressing", are fixed wing aircraft such as the Grumman Ag Cat, M-18 Dromader and the popular Air Tractor series, however, occasionally helicopters (continued on Page 3)

## Please Submit Design Plans to INDOT Early!

The INDOT Office of Aviation would like to extend this reminder to all airports who receive federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds: If your airport receives State matching funds, the terms of the State grant agreement with the airport reads "The Grantor Agency (INDOT Office of Aviation) reviews the project before implementation." We consider plans to be reviewed only after the concerns raised by both our office and the FAA have been addressed. To that end, we ask for a written

response to each of the comments we send – whether by addendum, by changing plan sheets, or simply stating in writing how the concerns will be addressed. Please be sure to provide the plans and specifications to the INDOT Office of Aviation with enough time for review (at least 45 days prior to the stated bid opening).



## Traffic Counting On-Going Throughout The Summer

Recently the Office of Aviation has answered several questions regarding how the traffic counters that we utilize actually operate. Unlike times past where the we would record daily audio of operations at an airport and then have to go back and review the audio tapes to come up with a count for the day, we are now utilizing much better technology.

We are now using acoustical counters to perform all of our traffic counts. These counters are acoustically activated and can disseminate between an airplane taking off and a tractor driving by while mowing the lawn. The counters will record "an event" when an airplane performs a take-off. These events are then stored in the memory of the

counter with a date and time stamp attached. After our 30 day counting period is complete, we retrieve the counter and plug it into a computer to download the data recorded. All data is translated onto a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet noting the date, time and duration of each event recorded.

## Crop Dusting cont.

have been known to be used as well. According to OISC's website, pilots interested in crop dusting must pass a written exam covering a variety of topics such as pesticide laws, pest biology and pesticide formulations. More information pertaining to certification of crop dusters and aerial applications can

be found on OISC's website:

<http://www.isco.purdue.edu/pesticide/11.html>

Information obtained from article: More Planes to Fly Indiana Skies in July; written by Julie Douglas





## INDOT Office of Aviation

100 N. Senate Ave.  
Rm. N955  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Fax: 317-232-1499

Aviation is proof, that given the will, we have the  
capacity to achieve the impossible.  
— Eddie Rickenbacker

**Manager: Kevin Rector**

**(317) 232-1477**

**Aviation Specialist: Cora Nieman**

**(317) 234-0795**

**Chief Airport Engineer: Nick McClain**

**(317) 232-1492**

**Airport Engineer: Andy Nahrwold**

**(317) 232-1487**

**Project Manager: Justin Klump**

**(317) 232-1489**

**Project Manager: Marcus Dial**

**(317) 232-1494**

**Chief Airport Inspector: VACANT**



# Indiana Aviation Events (August, 2007)

For Further Information on listed  
events visit [http://www.in.gov/  
dot/modetrans/airports/  
airShows.html](http://www.in.gov/dot/modetrans/airports/airShows.html)

**2007 Indianapolis Air Show**

**August 25 & 26**

**Mt. Comfort Airport**

**8AM-6PM**

**Rochester Airport (RCR)**

**Mentone Flying Club of Rochester**

**50th Anniversary Celebration**

**Fly-In Drive-In Hog Roast**

**August 18, 2007, 10AM-3PM**

**Prizes for oldest pilot, youngest  
pilot, and furthest distance flying  
in.**

**Pilots eat free all others \$5.00**



**Ft. Wayne Smith Field**

**Young Eagles Rally**

**August 11, 2007, 10AM-2PM**

**Anderson Cruise'N Fly'N**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**August 18, 2007, 7AM-12PM**

**Indianapolis Executive Airport**

**Pancake Breakfast held by the  
Commemorative Air Force**

**August 18, 2007, 8AM-4PM**

**Cirrus Aircraft Mobile Showroom  
and all three models will be on  
display**